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WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Bruce E. Melchor, President
Boyd-Bluford, Inc.
3750 Progress Road
Norfolk, Virginia 23502

Dear Mr. Melchor:

During a Food and Drug Administration inspection of your food storage warehouse located at 3750 Progress Road, Norfolk, Virginia conducted on January 22 to 24, 2001, our investigator observed significant insanitary conditions. At the conclusion of the inspection you were issued a Form FDA-483, Inspectional Observations, which delineated a number of gross insanitary conditions present in your warehouse. These conditions cause food products stored in your facility to be adulterated within the meaning of Section 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (the Act). The following insanitary conditions were observed during the inspection:

1. Rodent activity in the form of the following:
 - Eight (8) rodent gnawed wrappers of [REDACTED] in a case of [REDACTED]
 - Over fifty (50) rodent excreta pellets (REPs) observed on a pallet that contained cases of ice cream cones;
 - Twenty (20) REPs observed on the floor along the south wall of the warehouse next to the door leading into the office;
 - Eleven (11) REPs observed on the floor near the southwest corner of the warehouse next to old tobacco products;
2. Insect activity in the form of numerous live/dead beetles, moths and/or larvae, insect webbing and insect excreta in or on various lots of food products such as candy, ice cream cones, and on storage shelves throughout the warehouse.
3. Accumulation of old unused equipment stored against the walls throughout the warehouse, which make cleaning and inspection difficult to perform.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your facility. It is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the Act and regulations.

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Your voluntary action to correct some of the above deficiencies by destruction of those lots of food products found to be insect infested, such as candy and ice cream cone products, etc., has been documented in our records. However, you may need to take additional measures to prevent the introduction of pests such as insects and rodents into your facility, which may cause the food stored in your facility to be adulterated.

You must notify this office in writing, within 15 working days of receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violations and to prevent their recurrence. If corrective action cannot be completed within 15 days, state the reason for the delay and the time within which the corrections will be completed.

Your reply should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, Richmond Resident Post, at 10710 Midlothian Turnpike, Suite 424, Richmond, VA 23235, to the attention of Scott J. MacIntire, Compliance Officer. Mr. MacIntire may be reached at 804-379-1627, extension 14.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'LB' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Lee Bowers
Director, Baltimore District

cc: Virginia Department of Agriculture
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